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McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas

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Group mourns loss of one of its own

By William Eaton
931st AGS Commander

I want to say good-bye to a fellow Knuckle Buster. On June 3, Staff Sgt. Mark Donovan McClard was killed in an automobile accident just south of Rose Hill, Kan. Mark came to us from the 22nd Aircraft Generation Squadron. He was a jet engine mechanic with over 11 years' time-in-service. Three of those years were with the 931st AGS as a traditional reservist. In his civilian job, Mark worked for Cessna Aircraft Corporation.

Mark left behind a beautiful 22-month old daughter, Victoria, and a very loving fiancée, Karen. His parents, Harry and Darline McClard, along with his brother Mike, fiancée Karen, and daughter Victoria will forever have a void in their hearts because of this terrible tragedy.

When I visited Mark's family prior to the funeral, I found the reason for Mark's desire to be an aircraft mechanic. Mark's father Harry works for E-Systems in Greenville, Texas.

His brother Mike was a prior-service Com Nav mechanic. You see, it wasn't just a job for Mark McClard, it was a tradition -- a calling. Mrs. McClard said that everything in Mark's life revolved around airplanes. From his job history, I would say this was true.

The McClard family expressed their gratitude for the overwhelming support from both the 931st Air Refueling Group and the 22nd Air Refueling Wing. I would also like to thank each and every one of you for your kindness during this time of bereavement.

I was told that the accident was caused by someone running a stop sign and that the driver of the other car was talking on a cell phone. I cannot confirm either of these statements at this time, but isn't it a sad day when someone's life can be taken by a simple phone call? We never expect to leave home on errands never to return. If we left home each day knowing we might never return, would we view life any different?

Please keep the family in your prayers.



Staff Sgt. David Brumley

Gotcha!

Two Kanza kids play on a waterslide during the 931st Annual Family Day Picnic, held June 11. Hundreds of unit members and their families turned out for the event. See Page 4 for the story.



Message from the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

On July 4, 1776, the 13 American colonies declared their independence. The first Patriots, with diverse backgrounds, representing different regions and interests, were united in their quest for freedom and their willingness to fight for liberty.

Despite the considerable risk of almost certain defeat at the hands of the greatest land and sea power of that age, they ultimately triumphed and a new, independent United States of America emerged.

At sea, on land, and in the air, whether during peace or war, the men and women of America's Armed Forces have continued to ensure the sacrifices of our forefathers and others who followed them were not made in vain.

The backgrounds of the individuals in today's Armed

Forces are even more diverse than those of our predecessors - yet we all continue to unite behind the same ideals and values that guided this Nation to independence over 200 years ago.

Today, on the first Independence Day of the 21st century, you -- America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coastguardsmen - are America's new patriots, linked in spirit to the generations of fighting men and women of our Nation's great history. Around a troubled world, you deter our foes, protect our friends, and keep the peace.

Despite enormous danger, personal sacrifice, and lengthy separation from family and friends, it is your indomitable spirit and steadfast willingness to serve that define America and



Gen. Henry Shelton

manifest its ideals, both at home and abroad. Each Independence Day, America honors you and all those who preceded you in this noble service.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thank you for all you do in the defense of our great Nation.

America's Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach, Power

By F. Whitten Peters

Secretary of the Air Force, and

Gen. Michael E. Ryan

Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON -- This week, we released America's Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach & Power, to update our vision for the 21st century. It captures where we're going as a service and helps Air Force people plan for the diverse challenges we'll face in the 21st century.

Our vision makes clear that we will continue to rely on our great Air Force people to be the engines of change and integration and progress. We'll rely on all our people -- active

duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian -- leveraging the strengths of the total force.

Global Vigilance, Reach and Power are the overarching aerospace capabilities described in our vision: vigilance to anticipate and deter threats, reach to curb crises and power to prevail in conflicts and win wars.

We will realize the true potential of full-spectrum aerospace power by thinking of vigilance, reach and power not as separate and distinct, but as capabilities that, when fully integrated, add up to much more than the sum of their parts.

Key to our concept is the

expeditionary aerospace force, which will provide both increased capabilities to meet the nation's security requirements and greater predictability and stability for our people.

Realizing the potential of our vision will take the dedicated efforts and teamwork of all of you in the years to come. There'll be copies of the vision in the field soon.

Meanwhile, you can find it on the web at www.af.mil/vision.

We encourage you to read it, talk about it with each other and understand it.

It's your future, and it's brighter than ever.

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Kanza airmen gear up for inspection

By Staff Sgt. David Brumley
Kanza Spirit Staff Writer

The July UTA will be a busy one for the 18th Air Refueling Squadron and the offices that support it. Squadron members will be "knee deep" in this year's Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit -- a periodic massive aircrew standards check.

The ASEV, which is a comprehensive report card of overall flying operations by the unit including standardization/evaluation, training and flight management is scheduled to kick off July 10 and finish up by July 21.

When unit members last went through an ASEV in 1997, they received high marks, and group officials say they plan on a repeat. "Our goal is to pass

and meet or exceed our results in 1997 when we were rated outstanding in 20 out of 22 areas," Said Maj. Ray Kozak 18th ARS chief of standardization and evaluation. "I believe our people are ready to meet the challenge."

Kozak said that although airmen are busy getting ready, they're not doing anything new or special to prepare. "We follow these rules in our day-to-day operations so there really isn't any change in what we have to do to prepare," he said.

The ASEV also provides the chance for the unit to shine as a whole by bringing together the many different offices that support the flyers and allow them to get their mission done.

Editor's note: Look for the ASEV results in the August issue of the Kanza Spirit.



Staff Sgt. Jason Whited

Although unit members are diligently preparing for the upcoming ASEV inspection, group officials say they're not doing anything new to get ready -- adherence to high standards is a way of life for them, they say.

Dental program expansion gives reservists something to smile about

WASHINGTON -- Starting Feb. 1, traditional reservists and their families may enroll in an expanded U.S. government dental program if the reservists express an intent to remain in the reserve for at least 12 consecutive months.

Reservists are currently eligible for the Tricare Selected Reserve Dental Program, which offers limited dental care for reservists only. Members of a reservist's family are not eligible for the Tricare Family Member Dental Plan unless the reservist is on extended active duty for at least 24 months.

The Department of Defense awarded a five-year, \$1.8 billion

contract April 14 to United Concordia Companies, Inc., the current Tricare Family Member Dental Plan administrator.

"With this new Tricare Dental Program contract, we have addressed some important concerns of our beneficiaries," said Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "We will now offer a more uniform benefit across beneficiary categories and include our reserve component families. The new contract offers expanded and improved benefits, and it solves some problems associated with the Tricare Selected Reserve Dental Program. We believe our

beneficiaries will be pleased with this new dental plan."

In the Air Force, the Selected Reserve includes about 60,000 reservists in the Air Force Reserve Command unit program and more than 12,000 individual mobilization augmentees.

Under the current reserve dental program, the government pays all the charges for diagnostic, preventive and emergency services. For restorative services, the government picks up 90 percent of the bill for E-1s through E-4s and 80 percent for E-5s and

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Reserve hopes changes to overcome recruiting slump

By Pamela Nault
*Air Force Reserve
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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Reserve recruiters are flying high with a new integrated training program that is expected to take their sales and management skills "above and beyond" previously used methods.

Faced with an expected manpower shortage of 1,750 this year, Reserve recruiting officials decided to change the way they do business to better compete for qualified applicants. They looked to outside pros for help.

In October, the command awarded a \$400,000 contract to The Brooks Group, a commercial sales training company with headquarters in Greensboro, N. C.

"By partnering with the private sector, we have developed a training program to enhance the selling techniques of all recruiters and the sales management skills of all senior recruiters," said Lt. Col. Kevin Reinert, deputy director of Reserve recruiting and chief of the operations division.

At a recruiting workshop in January, William Brooks, chief executive officer of The Brooks Group, introduced his six-step IMPACT -- Investigate,

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A family affair

Unit members and their families gather for Annual Family Day Picnic

By Staff Sgt. Jason Whited
Kanza Spirit Editor

Hundreds of 931st Air Refueling Group members and their families shared good food and great weather at the unit's Annual Family Day Picnic held June 11. Attendees enjoyed free hamburgers, sausages and soft drinks under the sunny Kansas skies as they caught up with old friends and made some new ones.

Whether playing horseshoes, listening to the 931st ARG Blues Band or just sitting in the shade while chatting, unit members spent the entire afternoon as an extended family.

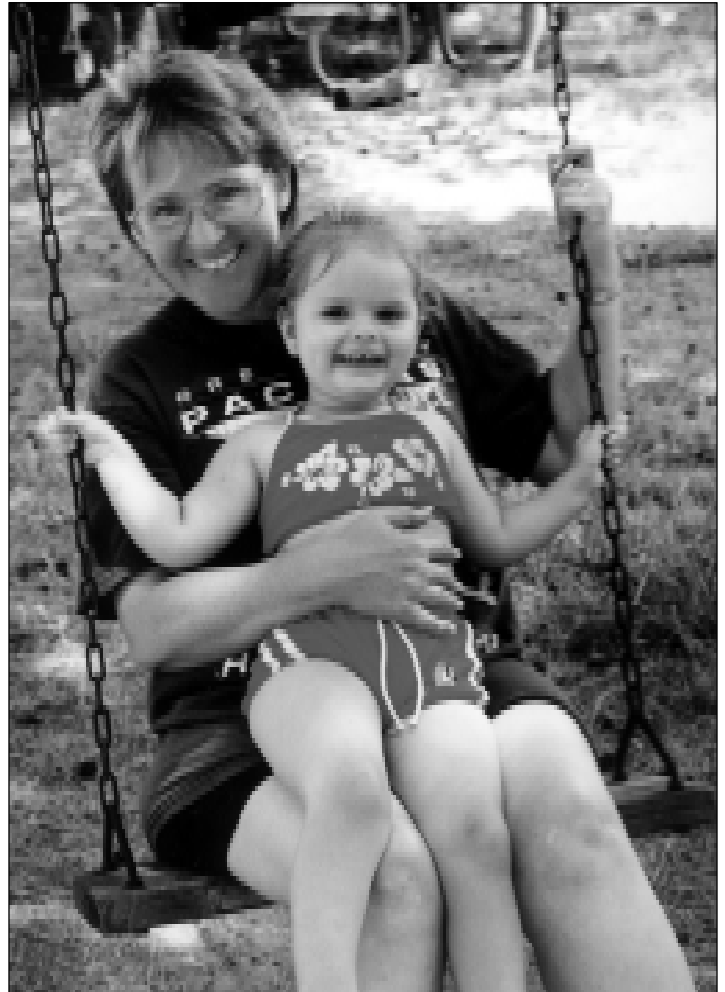
"It was fun," said Tech. Sgt. Lauren Harper, 931st Operations Support Flight. "It's always great when we can take

a break from work and hang out together."

Kanza troops basically took over the Kansas Air National Guard side of the base, spilling out of the pavilion area and using almost every bit of green grass to toss a frisbee, sit and talk or chow down.

Although held only once a year, the event provided airmen of all areas of the unit an opportunity to meet and talk with others and appreciate how the various offices function together as one unit. You might call it a mass bonding session.

"I really enjoy talking with people I haven't seen in a long time and getting the chance to see everyone in one place at the same time," said Staff Sgt. Lloyd Robinson. "I hope we continue to have this annual event."



Barbara Wilkinson

Master Sgt. Donna Lorenz, 931st Air Refueling Group Plans Office, and her 3-year-old granddaughter, Kylimry Scott, share some time together during the Annual Family Day Picnic.



Staff Sgt. David Brumley

The 931st Air Refueling Group Blues Band entertained the crowd for hours at the Annual Family Day Picnic.



Dozens of Kanza kids took advantage of the pool on the warm afternoon.



Tens of thousands of Kansans flood McConnell during annual open house, airshow hoping to catch a glimpse of...

Thunder in the Heartland



Staff Sgt. Jason Whited

A Japanese Zero aircraft performs a simulated bombing run during the Tora! Tora! Tora! portion of McConnell's airshow.

By Staff Sgt. Jason Whited
Kanza Spirit Editor

Tens of thousand of local residents turned out for this year's airshow and open house to get an up close look at the Air Force.

Spectators crowded the flightline as they walked around

from plane to plane, talking to airmen who serve at McConnell, watching flybys and demos from various aircraft and just generally taking it all in.

Members of the 931st Air Refueling Group joined their active duty and Air National Guard brothers and sisters at the event, helping visitors find their

way around, talking to potential recruits and selling hot dogs and soft drinks to raise a little money for the unit's slush fund.

The two-day aishow didn't include as many demonstration teams as in year's past, but for those who did turn out, it was an interesting, entertaining weekend.



Onlookers were treated to flybys and demos from a variety of aircraft, including McConnell's own KC-135 (left) and B-1B (right)





Domestic terrorism: Believe it or not, it can happen here

By Staff Sgt. Russ Hunt
931st Intelligence Office

Americans have always been a prime target for terrorists around the world. Whether bombing a foreign nightclub filled with our troops or executing handicapped Americans aboard cruise ships, terrorists have shown they have the stomach for gruesome acts of violence -- and a total disregard for human life.

For so long, the nation has been focused on these acts, which often happened overseas. That all changed in 1995 with the bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City. In an instant, the entire country was shocked into the realization that what had once happened "over there" was (and actually had been for a long time) definitely over here.

Terrorism not new to America

Terrorism is not new to the United States. This country has had a long history of political violence, but it has only recently been called domestic terrorism. Terrorism in the 19th century was primarily aimed at protecting the status quo and the economic environment. The actions by company security police and private companies were often terroristic in nature and used to keep the workers from disrupting production.

In the West, the frontier had its own forms of vigilante justice, such as those headed by Charles Lynch, who took the law into their own hands and used terror to serve their own self-interests (this is where the term lynching originates). The Ku Klux Klan after the Civil War

is also seen as a vigilante group that practiced domestic terrorism.

The Molly Maguires were a group of Irish coal miners in Pennsylvania in the mid-1800s and are considered our first domestic terrorist group. This group felt the Mining Company was abusing them. They were poorly paid, the working conditions were horrible, and there was no support for miners who were injured on the job. The Maguires attacked the company's security guards, the managers of the mining company and set bombs in the mines and along railways to disrupt the operation of the mines. They were infiltrated by the Pinkerton Detective agency and the leaders of the group were arrested, tried, convicted and executed.

Know your terrorist

The FBI lumps domestic terrorists into four categories: left-wing, international terrorists, single-issue terrorists and right-wing extremists. The FBI has reported a further decline in left wing domestic extremism, but a significant increase in right wing extremism and special interest radical organizations.

The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history was the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City in 1995 by right-wing extremists. In the next few articles, I will explain the

differences and similarities of these groups, but in this installment I will explain the right-wing.

The right wing

Right-wingers are anti-Marxist, very religious, base themselves in rural areas and focus their attacks on symbols of governmental authority--courthouses, military bases, etc.

These types build fortresses in rural areas where they stockpile weapons and train. They are concerned about gun

laws, taxes and the power of the federal government. This also includes militia types, white supremacists and other hate groups. They recruit people who feel displaced by rapid changes in the culture or economy.

Let's examine one group of right-wingers in our society -- white supremacists.

White Supremacists

It is difficult to keep track of the groups that belong to the white supremacy underground because these groups are always forming, splitting, and reforming under new names and at different places.

Skinheads

"Crips and Bloods deal in drugs. These people deal in hate," says a law enforcement spokesman.

"These people actually believe the white culture is on the decline. For the first time in our history, we are seeing kids

who are more racist than their parents. They don't believe they will do as well as their parents, and unfortunately, they probably won't. They are looking for someone to blame for their lot in life, and non-whites make convenient scapegoats."

Youngsters who are joining the skinheads are kids who are not succeeding in our society. Their peers reinforce their attitudes. The members share certain traits: low self-esteem, lack of education, lack of employment skills, family problems and few or no friends. They blame society for their problems, real or imagined. When these problems are complicated by alcohol or drug abuse, the child turns to gangs for physical and/or emotional support.

White gang activity is a recent phenomenon in our society. Neo-Nazis, the KKK, motorcycle gangs and the Aryan Brotherhood heavily influence them. The Skinhead movement originated in England in the early 1960s. It was a product of working-class resentment toward immigrants during a period of economic problems. This grew into a gang of militant white youths. Their hatred grew to include all non-whites (and also Jews).

Today, they are considered the most violent of all white supremacy groups and there have been attempts by the KKK to merge with the Skinheads, according to FBI sources. These youth represent a serious danger of racial violence in the US. They have committed murders and also thousands of stabbings, beatings, shootings, thefts, and church/synagogue desecration.



The bombing of an Oklahoma City federal building in 1995 was the worst act of domestic terrorism in American history. Experts warn that more such incidents are a real possibility.



DENTAL

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above. The government covers 70 percent of an oral surgery bill for E-1s to E-4s and 60 percent of the tab for E-5s and above.

Reservists and their families will qualify for the same services as above under the new Tricare Dental Program; however, the government will pay a flat 80 percent for basic restorative coverage. The program will also cover the following services with the government picking up a percentage of the bill:

- Sealants, consultations, office visits and postsurgical services - 80 percent;
- Endodontic and periodontic (E-1 - E-4) - 70 percent;
- Endodontic and periodontic (E-5 and above), and general anesthesia -- 60 percent; and
- Prosthodontic, orthodontia, medications, intravenous sedations and other restorative services - 50 percent.

These services will include athletic mouthpieces, pulp vitality tests, porcelain veneers and bleaching on anterior teeth. The maximum benefit coverage will increase from \$1,000 per enrollee per contract year to \$1,200.

Reservists and their families will also qualify for orthodontic care - \$1,500 per enrollee per lifetime.

Enrollment for the new program will be voluntary and will not begin until December 2000, with coverage effective Feb. 1, 2001. For more information, call United Concordia's toll-free customer-service line, (800) 866-8499, or visit the company's Web site at www.ucci.com. (AFRC News Service from Tricare and DOD news releases)

RECRUIT

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Meet, Probe, Apply, Convince and Tie It Up -- sales method to the command's 287 field and senior recruiters.

At first, there were a few skeptics, but the recruiters overall embraced the IMPACT method as a necessity to "bring us into the 21st century," said Reinert.

"While there are some similarities to (our old methods), the IMPACT method is designed to enhance recruiting success," he said. "IMPACT is easy to learn, has a proven track record in the private sector and the curriculum is easy to adapt to Air Force Reserve vocabulary, nomenclature and procedures."

What sets The Brooks Group apart from the older methods, and other contract bidders, is a CD-ROM based sales simulator, said Reinert. The simulator allows recruiters to train, practice and test their sales ability in the privacy of their office.

Senior Master Sgt. John Mayner, a senior recruiter at the 939th Rescue Wing at Portland International Airport, Ore., for the past 18 months, said his three recruiters have thrived using the IMPACT process. "Our production is up and everybody is happy," he said.

"This initiative demonstrates the command's interest in fixing a shortfall in successful on-going recruiting sales training," said Lt. Col. Dirk Palmer, chief of the Reserve's recruiting operations branch. "If the active-duty (Air Force) and other military branches can benefit from our research and recommended solution, it's a win-win situation all around." (AFRC News Service)

Spirit Shorts

Anthrax briefing

A mandatory anthrax briefing is scheduled for the July UTA. See your supervisor/flight chief for times.

Movin' on up!

Congratulations to the following 931st Air Refueling Group members on their recent promotions:

Lt. Col.

Charles Peters, Chaplain

Maj.

Ken Dodd, 931st Mission Support Flight; **Eric Anderson**, 18th Air Refueling Squadron; **Joseph Burns**, 18th ARS; **David Cline**, 18th ARS; **Allen Conard**, 931st Operations Support Flight; **Scott Dickmeyer**, 931st Plans; **Evan Fisher**, 18th ARS; **Richard Fowler**, 18th ARS; **Don Jarvis**, 18th ARS; **Kerry Lehman**, 18th ARS; **David Payne**, 18th ARS; **James Taton**, 18th ARS; **Dennis Thornton**, 18th ARS; **Peter Uchmanowicz**, 18th ARS; **James Winningham**, 18th ARS; **Charlie Youngblood**, 18th ARS; **Paul Horton**, 18th ARS; **Matthew Mantei**, 18th ARS; **Theodore Mathews**, 18th ARS and **Glenn Powers**, 18th ARS

931st takes Levitow-- again!

Congratulations to Senior Airman Johnny Yelverton, 931st Intel Office, has become the second Kanza warrior this year to win the coveted John Levitow award from McConnell's Airman Leadership School. Yelverton distinguished himself from his active duty counterparts through his top-notch academic performance and teamwork, snagging the award.

Yelverton also took home the school's Academic Award -- congratulations, Johnny!

PME, Tech. School

Congratulations to the following unit members on their recent completion of Professional Military Education and/or tech. school:

Tech. Sgt. Richard Gunter, 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron, NCO Academy (in residence); **Senior Airman Johnny Yelverton**, 931st Operations Support Flight, Airman Leadership School (in residence) -- **Yelverton** took home top honors as the school's **Levitow Award** winner and the **Academic Award** winner; **Tech. Sgt. Bob Lorenz**, 931st Mission Support Flight, Senior NCO Academy; and **Tech. Sgt. Tonya Halenka**, 18th Air Refueling Squadron, NCO Academy.

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The following completed or are slated to complete formal training in the next week:

Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Brown, 931st Air Refueling Group, Military Equal Opportunity 3 level school; **Tech. Sgt. Bob Lorenz**, 931st MSF, Education and Training 3 level school; **Tech. Sgt. Art Shamburger**, 18th ARS, Boom Initial Qualification 3 level school; **Senior Airman Ronald Clark**, 931st AGS, Comm/Nav school; **Senior Airman Chris Coleman**, 931st Civil Engineer Squadron, Electrical Systems school; **Senior Airman Chris Corkins**, 931st AGS, Hydraulics school; **Staff Sgt. Matt Myers**, 931st AGS, ELEN school; **Staff Sgt. William Robbins**, 18th ARS, Resource Operations school.



Wichita Weekend

Wheatland Jam

July 14-16, Winfield, Cowley Co. Fairgrounds. Rock concert. Tickets at gate. Tickets are also available online at www.wheatlandjam.com.

Of Pigs and Bears and Billy Goats Gruff

July 14-16 Crown Uptown Professional Theatre, 3107 E. Douglas. Call 681-1566 for showtimes and ticket info.

Depression Glass Show

July 15, 16 Cessna Activity Center, 2744 Geo. Washington Blvd., 684-3971. Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. \$2. Info: Fred Ray, (913) 227-2123

Frontier Days

July 15, 16 Old Cowtown Museum, 1871 Sim Park Dr., 264-6398 or 264-0241.

From the IG

The Action Line

IG complaints come in many forms. Quite often, the initial complaint goes something like this: "_____ is a jerk and I want you to have him/her fired!" Unfortunately, being a jerk usually is not cause for dismissal, even if the IG had the power to do so.

Following this opening remark, we begin the process to determine what the real problems are and whether an investigation is warranted. The first thing I have to tell this complainant is that the IG has no authority to "fire" anyone, regardless of the outcome of an IG investigation. This is because the IG is an investigating agency, not an action agency. The action line is carefully preserved within the chain-of-command. If an IG complaint results in an investigation, that investigation will be

conducted in order to determine the facts in the case. Those facts will then be forwarded to the appropriate commander for action. If you have questions about this or any other IG issue, please call.

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Flick picks

The following movies will be showing at the base theater during the July UTA:

Friday

"Small Time Crooks" (PG)
1 hour, 35 minutes

Saturday

"Center Stage" (PG-13)
1 hour, 53 minutes

Sunday

"Small Time Crooks" (PG)
1 hour 35 minutes

Other area theaters:

Cinemas East 6: 684-2805
Towne East 4: 685-1121
Towne East 2: 681-2717
Cinemas West: 729-5665
Towne West 5: 945-5093
Norhtrock 14: 636-5432
Northrock 6: 636-5431
Palace: 721-7949
Premier Palace: 691-9700
Warren Theater: 721-9545

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